

I am very upset about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to require their stations to air the anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. I just tried to call them on their telephone to express my concerns, and they will not accept my message (the mailbox is full.) The message they leave on their answering machine is very one-sided. Try calling it at 410-568-1780. I am frustrated!

Sinclair uses OUR public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest and balance their political views. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.
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